

TEXT OF LISTED CLAIMS:

Claim 1 (currently Amended). A method of applying a binding an edge of a material without stitching the binding to the material, the binding to said material comprising a binding fabric adhered on at least one side with double-sided adhesive tape, [[piping secured in]] forming a pocket [[formed by said binding fabric]] surrounding a welt component on one side of said binding fabric by folding said fabric over [[on itself]] said welt component, said binding fabric and said adhesive tape to form a welt, [[and]] securing said material to be bound to said binding fabric by said adhesive tape extending from said binding fabric, the end of said material substantially abutting [[a]] said welt formed over said adhesive tape, and applying a bead of thermal plastic adhesive in-between said material and the welt formed and over said adhesive tape.

Claims 2-5 (Cancelled)

Claim 6 (currently Amended). A method of binding an edge to the side of a carpet which comprises the steps of: securing a piece of binding material to said edge so that it extends outwardly along one side of said edge; attaching said piece by an adhesive to an underside of said carpet so that said one side of said edge abuts said side of said carpet; applying a bead of glue between [[the backing of]] said [[edge]] side of said carpet and said one side of said edge; and permitting said glue to cure whereby said [[backing]] side of said carpet and said one side of said edge are bonded together.

Claim 7 (currently Amended). A method in accordance with Claim 6, wherein said piece of binding material is attached to the underside of said carpet by disposing a planar material between the bottom of said carpet and said piece of binding material, said planar material having

an adhesive on both sides thereof wherein the adhesive on the upper of said both sides attaches said piece to said underside.

Claim 8 (previously presented). A method in accordance with Claim 6, wherein said bead of glue is composed of a thermal plastic adhesive.

Claim 9. (currently Amended). A method in accordance with Claim 6, wherein said bead of glue is applied between [[the backing]] said [[edge]] side of said carpet and said one side of said edge by a hot glue gun.

Claim 10 (currently Amended). A method in accordance with Claim 6, wherein the step of securing said binding material on said edge comprises wrapping the binding material [[wrapped]] around a welt material.

Claim 11 (previously presented). A method in accordance with Claim 10, wherein said welt material is substantially circular in cross-section.

Claim 12. (Cancelled)

Claim 13 (currently Amended). A method in accordance with Claim 6, which includes the step of increasing an angle between said [[lower aspect]] side of said carpet and said one side of said edge to receive said bead of glue when said bead of glue is applied thereto and then decreasing said angle before said bead of glue has cured to produce a strong durable bond between said carpet and said edge.

Claim 14 (previously presented). A method in accordance with Claim 7, wherein a protective material on the upper side of said planar material is removed before said planar material is secured by said adhesive to the bottom of said carpet.

Claim 15 (currently amended). A method in accordance with Claim 6, wherein said [[edge]] binding material comprises cord.

Claim 16 (currently Amended). A method in accordance with Claim 10, wherein the step of securing said binding material on said edge comprises the further step of stitching said binding material [[which has been stitched]] so that it encircles [[a]] said welt material.

Claim 17 (previously presented). A method in accordance with Claim 8, wherein a metal element is included within or against said thermal plastic adhesive, said thermal plastic adhesive being subjected to radiation which causes said metal element to heat and thereby melt the thermal plastic adhesive.

Claim 18 (currently amended). A method in accordance with Claim 6, wherein said [[edge]] binding material comprises piping.

Claim 19. (Cancelled)

Claim 20 (previously presented). A method in accordance with Claim 10, wherein said welt material consists of welt material which is substantially circular in cross-section or welt material which is substantially D-shaped in cross-section or a combination thereof.

Claim 21 (currently Amended). A method of applying a binding an edge [[of]] to a material without stitching the binding to the material, the binding to be applied to said material comprising a binding fabric [[adhered]] having on at least one side [[with]] a double-sided adhesive tape, a welt substance secured in a pocket formed by said binding fabric on one side of said binding fabric by folding over on itself, said binding fabric and said adhesive tape, and securing said material [[to be bound]] to said binding fabric by said adhesive tape extending from said binding fabric, the end of said material substantially abutting a welt formed over said adhesive tape, applying in-between said material and the welt formed and over said adhesive tape a bead of thermal plastic adhesive.

Claim 22-23. (Cancelled)

Claim 24 (currently Amended). A method of binding an edge to a vertical side of a carpet which comprises the steps of: securing a piece of binding material to said edge so that it extends outwardly along one side of said edge; attaching said piece by an adhesive to an underside of said carpet so that said edge abuts said vertical side of said carpet; applying a bead of glue between [[a]] said vertical side of said carpet and said edge; and permitting said glue to cure whereby said vertical side of said carpet and said edge are bonded together without said edge being over the upper adjacent surface of said carpet.

Claim 25 (currently amended). A method in accordance with Claim 24, wherein said piece of binding material is attached to the underside of said carpet by disposing a planar material between the bottom of said carpet and said piece of binding material, said planar material having an adhesive on both sides thereof wherein the adhesive on the upper of said both sides attaches said piece to said underside.

Claim 26 (Previously Presented). A method in accordance with Claim 24, wherein said bead of glue is composed of a thermal plastic adhesive.

Claim 27 (Previously Presented). A method in accordance with Claim 24, wherein said bead of glue is applied between said vertical side of said carpet and said edge by a hot glue gun.

Claim 28 (currently amended). A method in accordance with Claim 24, wherein the step of securing said binding material to said edge comprises wrapping the binding material [[wrapped]] around a welt substance.

Claim 29 (Previously Presented). A method in accordance with Claim 28, wherein said welt material is substantially circular in cross-section.

Claim 30 (currently amended). A method in accordance with Claim 24, which includes the step of increasing an angle between said [[lower aspect]] vertical side of said carpet and said edge to receive said bead of glue when said bead of glue is applied thereto and then decreasing said angle before said bead of glue has cured to produce a strong durable bond between said carpet and said edge.

Claim 31 (Previously Presented). A method in accordance with Claim 25, wherein a protective material on the upper side of said planar material is removed before said planar material is secured by said adhesive to the bottom of said carpet.

Claim 32 (currently amended). A method in accordance with Claim 24, wherein said [[edge]] binding material comprises cord.

Claim 33 (currently amended). A method in accordance with Claim 28, wherein the step of securing said binding material to said edge comprises the further step of stitching said binding material [[which has been stitched]] so that it encircles said welt substance.

Claim 34 (Previously Presented). A method in accordance with Claim 26, wherein a metal element is included within or against said thermal plastic adhesive, said thermal plastic adhesive being subjected to radiation which causes said metal element to heat and thereby melt the thermal plastic adhesive.

Claim 35 (currently amended). A method in accordance with Claim 24, wherein said [[edge]] binding material comprises piping.

Claim 36. (Cancelled)

Claim 37 (Previously Presented). A method in accordance with Claim 28, wherein said welt substance consists of welt substance which is substantially circular in cross-section or welt substance which is substantially D-shaped in cross-section or a combination thereof.